

Application No.: 10/578,626  
Amendment under 37 CFR 1.111  
Reply to Office Action dated August 22, 2008  
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REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 2-4 and 7-23 have been cancelled and claims 1 and 5-6 have been amended in the application. Currently, claims 1 and 5-6 are pending in the application.

The indication that claims 4-6 contain allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation.

By this amendment, claims 2-4 and 7-23 have been cancelled and claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 3 and allowable claim 4. All of the prior art rejections are now believed to be moot in view of these amendments.

Claims 1-23 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

By this amendment, claim 1 has been amended to provide antecedent basis for the phrase "oxalic acid content". Also, claims 5 and 6 have also been amended to provide antecedent basis for the terms "specific gravity", "molar ratio" and "concentration". It is respectfully submitted that the indefiniteness rejection has been overcome by these amendments and should be withdrawn.

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Therefore, in view of foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 5-6 are allowable over the prior art of record. Thus, applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and an action to this effect is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding the amendments or these remarks, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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